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Rita C. Federman

Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Education: Boston Col BA; Cal Western JD
Began Service: December 27, 2004
Term Expires: December 27, 2012

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Number of Judgeships: 21

Number of Vacancies: 2

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**Vincent P. Zurzolo**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: UC San Diego 1978 BA;
UC Davis 1982 JD
Began Service: April 18, 1988
Term Expires: April 2016

Legal Practice: Associate, Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger
LLP (1982-1988)

Current Memberships: Los Angeles County Bar Association; National
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**Barry Russell**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: UCLA 1962 BS, 1966 JD
Began Service: September 1974
Term Expires: August 2014

Academic: Faculty member, Federal Judicial Center; Associate Clinical
Professor of Psychiatry (Law), University of Southern California

Government: Estate & Gift Tax Examiner, California, United States
Department of the Treasury (1966-1967); Deputy Public Defender, Office
of the Public Defender, County of Los Angeles, California (1967-1970);
Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California, United
States Department of Justice (1970-1974)

Judicial: Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth
Circuit (1988-1999); President, Federal Bar Association (1990-1991);
Presiding Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth
Circuit (1999-2001); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy
Court for the Central District of California (2003-2007)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American College
of Bankruptcy; Federal Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar
Association

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**Geraldine Mund**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Brandeis 1965 BA; Smith 1967 MS;
Loyola Marymount 1977 JD
Began Service: February 1984
Term Expires: August 2014

Academic: Assistant Supervisor Physical Activities, University of
California System (1967-1971)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the
Central District of California (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Frandzel & Share (1977-1982); Partner,
Frandzel & Share (1982-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar
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Bankruptcy Judges

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**Samuel L. Bufford**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1964 BA;
Texas 1969 PhD; Michigan 1973 JD
Began Service: 1985
Term Expires: March 2014

Academic: Instructor of Philosophy, Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College (1967-1968); Assistant Professor of
Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University (1968-1974); Guest Lecturer,
University of Geneva (1973-1974); Assistant Professor of Law and
Adjunct Assistant Professor, City and Regional Planning, Ohio State
University (1975-1977); Visiting Lecturer, Harvard Law School
(2004-2005)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
(1974-1975); Sullivan, Jones & Archer (1977-1979); Attorney, Musick,
Peeler & Garrett LLP (1979-1981); Rifkind & Sterling (1981-1982);
Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner (1982-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National Conference of
Federal Trial Judges, American Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar
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Robert N. Kwan
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Yale 1975 BA
Began Service: February 2007
Term Expires: February 2021

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tax Division, California - Central
District, United States Department of Justice

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Term Expires: 2011

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